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Important Note

Christmas tree harvest is not allowed in wilderness areas, campgrounds, developed recreation areas, National Monuments, Research Natural Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, or within fences or posted tree plantations, within 200 feet of state highways or on private lands. Christmas tree cutting is also not permitted within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, the Wild and Scenic Rogue River corridor and Recreation Areas. This stresses the importance of having your tree permit map with you, along with a local Forest or BLM map, and a good understanding of your location prior to cutting.

Holiday Tree Permits

Traveling safely on public lands is very important for you and your family’s health and safety. Keep in mind that roads on public lands administered by the Forest Service and BLM are not plowed in the winter and can present some situations that quickly become dangerous if you are not properly prepared. On any outing to the forest this time of year, be prepared for winter weather and check weather conditions prior to departure. It is strongly encouraged that you take a reliable map of the area (Forest Service or BLM map in addition to your tree permit map) with you and travel with a full tank of gas. Bring along adequate supplies such as warm clothing, blankets/sleeping bags, high energy food, water, warm beverages, first aid kit, flashlight, whistle, mirror, shovel and chains.

Always let someone know where you plan to harvest your tree and when you expect to return. Consider going out with a more experienced friend if you are new to this activity or unfamiliar with the area in which you will be travelling.

The Bear Camp Coastal route is open but not recommended for travel this time of year, as the route is not maintained for winter travel from mid-November through the end of May. Be safe, and happy holidays!

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

Corrections

Pg. 14 Winter Hammersmith was left off the list of Students of the Month for Evergreen Elementary last week. Pg. 1 Austin Sitten was spelled Auston Sitten. We regret the error along with the many others no one brought to our attention. *The Illinois Valley News*

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From the beginning, SWCDs in Oregon have helped landowners design and build water retention structures, and improve farm irrigation systems to increase water use efficiency. Districts help farmers and ranchers implement no-till farming practices to reduce soil loss from wind and water. They also help landowners plant and maintain grass waterways to collect and store any soil that moves from the fields before it can get into Oregon’s streams.

SWCDs often helps landowners with grant proposals

which, in turn, pay for the design, installation and materials used for a conservation project. Materials can include fencing, piping, shrubs, trees, or seeds. In other cases, SWCD funds are used for outreach and education — paying for workshops, like the I.V. Stream School, that teach landowners a variety of ways to take care of the land and the water that sustains agriculture.

Every Oregon voter has a chance to help shape the future of their local SWCD.

“District directors have been on local ballots for many,

many years,” says John Byers, manager of ODA’s SWCD Program. “It’s important to note the general public has a say in how conservation is conducted in their community.”

Since 1998, Oregon is one of the few states in the country that provides base funding for some soil and water conservation districts and watershed councils to lead conservation work in their communities. Each district has a success story to tell. Projects aren’t always visible to the public, but the list is growing as landowners take care of the

land and water that takes care of Oregon agriculture and our way of life.

The IVSWCD and I.V. Watershed Council offers assistance and information for local efforts to conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources, to make the Illinois Valley productive for people as well as plants and animals. Locally led and non-regulatory, their combined offices can be found at the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction and online at www.ivstreamteam.org.

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Pallo recommended a dedicated receiving station at the wastewater treatment plant for septic system wastewater haulers to prevent large dumps from overwhelming the system. A dedicated station would allow initial treatment followed by a gradual introduction of septic tank waste into the larger system.

The lagoon which holds bio-solids has never been drained since it was built, but must now be drained and cleaned for reuse. Pallo recommended the city use the Kerby transfer station area to cover existing county landfill areas with the biosolids. This would amount to a “win” for the city, county and the state, and Pallo suggested state agencies might share the cost of implementing this solution.

Pallo noted the city has fairly good fire hydrant coverage and his report will recommend locations for additional hy-

drants. The city has plans to add piping on various streets and hydrant installation could be scheduled at the same time.

In other city business; following an inquiry, it was announced that the cost to reconnect a number of inoperative downtown street lights has been estimated at roughly \$10,000 per light. This cost is largely a result of Pacific Power’s requirements to replace some of the existing wiring with new material that meets today’s standards.

Cave Junction’s Contract Deputy Joel Heller gave the monthly report of his activities; which included for October: 5 arrests, 6 assists, 44 area checks, 1 day in court, 6 policing calls, 26 reports taken and 37 information only contacts. Heller’s September patrol statistics included 86 calls for service.

During the October City Council

meeting, the Council had discussed the issue of numerous cases of purposefully reckless driving in Cave Junction on Friday and Saturday nights. Deputy Heller recommended the activity be reported to the Sheriff’s office so they could better coordinate with State Police to address this problem.

During the November meeting; it was reported that there were no Municipal Court trials during October and no impounds collected for the year. Following the Tuesday meeting, Nolan was questioned regarding Municipal Court. When asked why less than \$2,000 in total fines had been collected by the city for traffic fines this year, Nolan stated “Deputy Heller has a different policing style than his predecessor and writes fewer tickets.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kerby Water District will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2013 6 p.m. at the Kerby Belt Building, 24353 RWH in Kerby. The agenda will include, but is not limited to, general business and monthly financial reports. General public is welcome.

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